

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**

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Mr. Mark Chalpin Law Office of Mark G. Chalpin, Esq. 116 Billingsgate Lane Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Dear Mr. Chalpin:

This correspondence is in regard to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of March 13, 2020, in which you seek the following:

- 1. All documents (including, but not limited to reports, reviews, memoranda, documents, and/or monitoring and assessment information) relating to any internal or external review or assessment of the Navy's oversight, monitoring, and/or supervision of Tetra Tech EC, Inc.'s work at Hunters Point Naval Shipyard from January 1, 2003 to present.
- 2. All internal Navy communications relating to the information identified in Request No. 1.
- 3. All communications between the Navy and any third party relating to the information identified in Request No. 1.

Your request was received by this office on March 17, 2020 and assigned file number DON-NAVY-2020-005839. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding this request. An interim response was provided on March 26, 2020 indicating we could not provide a final determination based on the unusual number of potentially responsive documents, and requesting additional information from you in order to begin responding to your request. We initially understood your request to be very broad, thus necessitating the requested clarification. In emails dated April 6 and April 22, 2020, you provided clarifications and further limited the scope of your request.

Based on the clarification provided, the Navy has determined that we have no responsive documents or communications "relating to any internal or external review or assessment of the Navy's oversight, monitoring, and/or supervision of Tetra Tech EC, Inc.'s work at Hunters Point Naval Shipyard from January 1, 2003 to present." This letter provides the final correspondence and close-out for this FOIA request.

Fees have been waived in response to this request.

You have the right to an appeal. It must be received within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Please provide a letter requesting an appeal, with a copy of your initial request and a copy of the letter of denial, in an envelope marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." You

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are encouraged (though not required) to provide an explanation why you believe the redactions were inappropriate or our search was inadequate. Also, please provide a copy of your appeal letter to us at:

NAVFAC BRAC PMO Attn: Meredith Richards 33000 Nixie Way Bldg 50 STE 207 San Diego, CA 92147

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- 1. Through FOIAonline. This will work only if you set up an account on FOIAonline before you make the request that you would like to appeal. To set up an account, go to FOIAonline.gov, click "Create Account" (a link located within the blue banner at the top in the upper right corner), enter your data into the field that subsequently appears, and click "Save" (at the bottom left of the screen). With your account thereby created, you will be able to file an appeal on FOIAonline for any request you file on FOIAonline thereafter. To do so, locate your request (enter a keyword or the request tracking number in the "Search for" field on the "Search" tab), click on it, then the "Create Appeal" tab in the left-hand column. Complete the subsequent field, click "Save," and FOIAonline will submit your appeal.
- 2. By mail. Address your appeal to:

Department of the Navy, Office of the General Counsel, 1000 Navy Pentagon, Room 5A532 Washington, DC 20350-1000

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Meredith Richards at 619-524-1637 or <a href="meredith.richards@navy.mil">meredith.richards@navy.mil</a>. You may also contact the DON FOIA Public Liaison, Christopher Julka, at <a href="mailto:christopher.a.julka@navy.mil">christopher.a.julka@navy.mil</a>, (703)697-0031. In addition, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) provides a voluntary mediation process for resolving disputes between persons making FOIA requests and the Department of the Navy (DON). For more information, go to <a href="https://www.archives.gov/ogis/about-ogis/contact-information">https://www.archives.gov/ogis/about-ogis/contact-information</a>.

Sincerely,

KIMBERLY A. OSTROWSKI Director